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## PERU.

*Report from Callao—Plague situation—Reappearance of plague at Antofagasta—Smallpox in Antofagasta and Valparaiso—Smallpox in Chilean ports—Plague at Iquique—Vaccination.*

Assistant Surgeon Lloyd reports, July 7, 8, and 11, as follows:

*Plague, June 11 to 20, inclusive.*

	New cases.	Died.	Recovered.	Remaining.
Lima.....	3	1	1	6
Chiclayo.....	0	0	1	2
Mollendo.....	2	1	8	5
Callao.....	1	1	0	1
Payta.....	2	1	0	1
Total.....	8	4	10	15

Bills of health from Antofagasta state that plague has reappeared in that port and that smallpox is increasing. The epidemic of smallpox in Valparaiso continues.

*Smallpox on steamships Loa and Palena—Infectious diseases in Chilean ports.*

The steamship *Loa* had 2 cases of smallpox on board on her recent voyage, in Valparaiso. The captain states that they were men shipped in that port a few days before developing the disease. The bill of health mentioned one of these cases and stated that the necessary measures had been taken. Such of the crew as were not vaccinated in Ilo were revaccinated here, the vaccinations performed in Valparaiso being generally unsuccessful.

The Chilean steamship *Palena* arrived at this port to-day en route to Panama with a case of smallpox on board. The patient, a member of the crew shipped in Valparaiso about ten days ago, was removed, such of the personnel as were not revaccinated in Ilo (and who were not immune) were revaccinated here, and the infected parts of the ship, together with infected articles of clothing, bedding, etc., disinfected. The work was done jointly by the Peruvian authorities and the Service representative.

Bills of health from Iquique report cases of "suspected infectious disease" in that port, as usual; from Arica, 1 case of plague; from Antofagasta, 61 cases of smallpox, with 28 deaths; from Valparaiso, smallpox prevalent and some deaths have occurred.

A physician arriving to-day on the *Palena* stated to me that there were probably 1,800 cases of smallpox in Valparaiso at present, and that the number of deaths had reached as many as 50 in one day. Press reports place the number much higher, and state that plague is increasing in Antofagasta.

While these reports may be exaggerated, I have no doubt that conditions in Chile are utterly bad. I would suggest as a possibility that plague may be responsible for some of the deaths in Valparaiso that are accredited to smallpox. Consignments of vaccine from the national